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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, National Foreign  
Assessment Center

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: PRC(I) Meeting, 15 March 1978

1. As a result of the PRC(I) meeting on intelligence priorities, I'd like to keep available my copies on which I made mark-ups of the long-term and current interest lists. (DCI has retained.)

2. I'd appreciate also having someone type for me all of the current interest Priority A's in one list. My objective is to ask ourselves whether this list corresponds to the issues which the President is likely to have on his mind.

3. I believe that prior to the next meeting or decision on the priorities, NFAC should draft an NSCID which would task the DCI to recycle the priorities to the PRC(I) membership once every four months. In the process of so doing, he should be required to make comments on where the priority guidance is effective and where it is not, and to solicit suggested changes. The NSCID should then set up a procedure for other members' suggesting changes and any approval of these without having a meeting, if possible.

4. I think NFAC should pick up the task of making a presentation on what we are doing to improve analysis by developing a written report that we would circulate to all the PRC(I) members. We did not get to that in this meeting. I doubt that we will have another meeting in which we can get to it before some time goes by.

5. Other notes to be kept with my copies of the two lists for use during further review of this are:

a. David Aaron's view that the internal dynamics of the Soviet Union and the internal social political dynamics of Western Europe both need more emphasis;

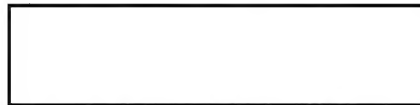
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b. Bill Smith's suggestion that we need some form of flexibility for the Director of Collection Tasking to use some initiative on his own to be sure the policy makers get what they need as well as what they want.



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